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Friday
High: 58
Low: 32



Saturday
High: 55
Low: 29



Sunday
High: 48
Low: 31



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By Col. Everett Thomas
341st Space Wing commander

What a wonderful week here at Wing Wonderful! For me, there are two things that really say fall is here and winter is fast approaching – turning our clocks back and celebrating Halloween. It was wonderful to see our little ones dressed up as dinosaurs, pirates and princesses. It was also wonderful to see the steps our community took to keep the evening safe. I extend my thanks to the Pumpkin Patrol for volunteering to keep us safe Monday night, and to the Operations Group for providing a safe, indoor alternative to blustery trick-or-treating.

As for turning the clocks back and the sun setting earlier and earlier, it makes me remember that cold, snowy weather is on it's way, despite these recent weeks of late season sunshine. I am always concerned about Team Malmstrom's safety, so I ask that you pay close attention as you drive to and from work. It's more difficult to see pedestrians, especially children, when it's dark. I also ask that you remember to wear your seatbelts at all times and limit your cellular phone use while driving. If we practice these habits now, we'll be ready to drive safely when it snows. Please take a look at General Lord's winter driving safety message on the right of this page, and expect to see a wing policy on cellular phone use while driving in the coming month.

Thursday, Brig. Gen. Robert Worley, the director of plans and programs for

Air Force Space Command, visited us to brief wing leadership and our company grade officers on the Force Shaping process. It was informative and we learned that the process will not be easy, but your wing leadership and I are taking steps to mentor you as honestly and as best as we can. I thank General Worley for his time and I want to assure you we're engaged and will keep you informed.

Though we're approaching the holiday season, we're still very busy and now is not the time to relax. This week, we are participating in Exercise Global Lightning as well as hosting our business partners at a meeting of ICBM contractors. Our supervisors will also attend important training to prepare for the NSPS system coming on line soon.

Brig. Gen. Thomas Deppe and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Morey from 20th Air Force will also visit – this is General Deppe's first visit to Malmstrom since taking over 20th Air Force. Let's make sure our work stations and the base reflect the pride we take in being Wing Wonderful. General Deppe's visit is a great opportunity to show him that we are Wing One in 20th Air Force.

This week we will observe Veterans Day and remember the service of those who came before us. In the season of thanksgiving, it's valuable to pause and acknowledge those whose lives helped form and defend the freedoms we protect. We serve now as part of that tradition.

As always, thank you for being here and doing what you do – our Nation is depending on us! 🦅

Transition to fall, winter driving

By Gen. Lance W. Lord
Commander, Air Force Space Command

Football is in full swing, hockey is back and the temperature is dropping. These are sure signs that fall is here and winter is not far behind. The change in seasons brings a change in our driving environment. Winter can be a beautiful time of year in many parts of the country, but it can also create some hazardous driving conditions. Mix these environmental conditions with poor driving habits and you are asking for trouble.

In fiscal year 2005, the Air Force lost 46 Airmen to vehicle mishaps. This is down from 61 in 2004 and while this is a positive trend, even one is too many. Nearly all of these mishaps were caused by poor judgment and could have been avoided.

Now is the time to make sure you are ready for winter driving. Ensure your vehicle is in top mechanical condition and carry an emergency roadside kit. When you come outside to your snow-covered vehicle, clear all the windows, not just a peep hole. If you find yourself driving in snow or ice, slow down and drive appropriately for the conditions. Leave early, so you do not have to rush to get to your destination. Look ahead for any possible dangers and plan evasive action, if needed. Most importantly, remember to always wear your seatbelt, and never drink and drive.

We hope you and your family take the opportunity to get out and enjoy some of the beautiful scenery this time of year offers. Drive safely and remember: "Safety is an attitude ... get one!" 🦅

Serving our Montana neighbors

By Lt. Col. Richard Wickum
40th Helicopter Squadron commander

The 40th Helicopter Squadron's primary mission is providing security for Malmstrom's 23,500 square-mile missile complex. However, one of our additional missions, search and rescue, allows us to serve our Montana neighbors by providing a robust mountain helicopter extraction capability. The 40th HS is tasked via the Joint Chiefs of Staff National Search and Rescue Plan to provide civil SAR coverage for all of Montana and parts of Wyoming and Idaho.

The 40th HS cannot do this mission alone.

There are dozens of dedicated people behind the scenes of every rescue mission. The local civilian SAR teams do much of the heavy lifting by locating persons in distress and providing medical care. It's only when they cannot extract the victim themselves they call on us to help.

The flight medicine office of the 341st Medical Operations Squadron provides qualified flight surgeons and medical technicians to perform the dangerous job of riding the hoist down to the survivor and preparing them for transport. They also provide critical medical aid to the victim.

DOSS aviation provides helicopter maintenance and generates required sorties to sup-

port SAR missions.

The 341st Operations Support Squadron's weather flight is often a central player in go/no-go decisions during times of adverse weather. Accurate forecasts can make or break a mission.

The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley AFB, Va., is responsible for coordinating and tasking national SAR assets. AFRCC will validate the mission and task the appropriate unit based on location and needed capabilities.

Every weekend the 40th HS puts an operations duty officer, an instructor pilot, co-pilot and flight engineer on alert standby to support any weekend taskings. In addition, helo maintenance designates a standby crew, as do the 341st OSS weather shop and the 341st Medical Group. Unit and wing leadership, wing command post and public affairs are also intimately involved in supporting these missions.

Prior to Saturday, one of our more recent saves was Aug. 19. This mission involved a 59-year-old man who had broken his leg in the mountains south of Missoula. Ravalli county ground teams were unable to extract the survivor due to extremely steep terrain in the area and a Life Flight helicopter from

On the cover ... (Left) Lieutenant General Kevin Chilton, 8th Air Force commander, watches members of the 819th RED HORSE Squadron's airborne unit Oct. 26. (Inset) General Chilton meets members of the 819th RHS. See Page 7 for story. (Photos by Roger Day)

DUI Update

Days since last DUI. . . . 1
DUIs this year 30
Same time last year . . . 33
MIPs this year 11
Same time last year . . . 17

788-HOME works!

1,941 Saves this year
49 Saves this week

DUIs in last 60 Days

• 341st MMXS	Nov. 3
• 741st MSFS	Oct. 22
• 341st MSFS	Oct. 21
• 819th RHS	Oct. 9
• 741st MSFS	Oct. 8
• 741st MSFS	Oct. 5

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741st MSFS begins a cycle of change

By Lt. Col. Frank Schaddelee
741st Missile Security Forces Squadron
commander

It's 3 a.m. on a Saturday morning and the phone rings. For me, that's never a good sign. Somehow, I force myself awake and pick up the telephone. Once my identity is confirmed by the security forces squadron dispatcher, he says the words I've come to dread over the past several months, "Sir, one of your troops has just been apprehended downtown by the Great Falls Police Department for reckless driving and driving while under the influence."

Have you ever had that really sick feeling in the pit of your stomach? Believe me when I tell you I have – more times than I care to remember. Needless to say, I don't get any more sleep following that phone call.

And so the cycle repeats itself.

When something like this happens, a lot of people are awakened and what was supposed to be a well-deserved day off just turned into a workday.

To everyone who is a part of Team Malmstrom, it should be common knowledge by now that the 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron has "taken it in the shorts" over the past four or five months when it comes to DUIs. If I may, a quick recap of my squadron's DUIs for this calendar year – one in January, one in June, one in July, one in August, two in September and three in October! Nine DUIs for the year and the year's not over.

Last year, the 741st MSFS also led the wing in DUIs with nine, so needless to say, I'm incredibly disappointed we were unable to improve our record and even more disappointed that I had so many people making such bad decisions. I emphasize the word decision versus mistake, because each of the offenders knew better, yet chose to commit a crime and an ultimately selfish act!

A squadron commander is his or her squadron's biggest cheerleader. When my folks are doing great things, my chest swells with pride and life is great! Conversely, when my folks make mistakes, or even worse, consciously make terrible decisions, I believe I suffer the most. Yes, there's been a couple of really dark,

frustrating, stressful and depressing days for me – as well as other members of my squadron – over these past two months.

If I can say anything positive about these events, it would be that none of my offenders hurt or killed anyone (though there was one vehicular "hit and run"). So far, that bag of luck our wing commander, Col. Everett Thomas, often refers to has been sufficient, but I sure wouldn't want to count on it. But what a sad commentary that people willfully do what they know to be wrong.

Ignoring the Air Force's core values, forgetting about the pride that comes with wearing the Air Force uniform (and for security forces members – the badge and beret) and somehow believing they are above the law just sickens me. They've lost all concept of "service, integrity and excellence."

As the commander of the 741st MSFS, I am absolutely committed to turning my unit's biggest problem into a strength. I've been in contact with the great people who run the ADAPT program and the super folks at the Airmen and Family Readiness Center, and I've spoken to my peers and superiors – all are helpful and encouraging. But, perhaps most importantly, I know I have the backing of my Airmen, NCOs and officers. I say this with pride and humility when I tell you I've had a number of Airmen walk up to me and actually apologize for the actions of their peers. Those are people who care.

On the evening of Oct. 28, in an effort to "lead the way," the 741st MSFS began doing outbound "safety checks." We will continue to do these every Friday and Saturday night and we will continue doing them through New Year's Eve. As people depart the installation, we are simply reminding everyone of the Wingman concept and that if they plan on consuming alcoholic beverages, they also have a plan to return home safely. Oh, and we're



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Fiffick

From left: Colonel Steve Asher, 341st Security Forces Group commander, Col. Everett Thomas, 341st Space Wing commander, and Lt. Col. Frank Schaddelee, 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron commander, greet Team Malmstrom members during safety checks Oct. 28.

checking to ensure you're wearing your seatbelts. We're not going to report you if you forgot, we're simply and courteously going to tell you to put it on because seatbelts really do save lives.

In spite of the tough bumps the 741st MSFS has had to endure recently, I have to tell you I am privileged and proud to command this unit. In a unit 360-strong, more than 95 percent of our young Airmen are doing all the right things. Operationally, we are very good at our jobs and off duty we have scores of people volunteering in all kinds of ways. But 10 to 15 people can do a lot of harm to a unit and its morale.

Not believing a sincere apology is a sign of weakness, I feel compelled to apologize to everyone in Wing Wonderful for the actions of a tiny minority of my unit. I pledge that the 741st MSFS is going to turn this around. We are not going to let a small minority of poor decision makers continue to embarrass us and give us a black eye! 🐾

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Missoula was unable to make the extraction due to trees in the area and steep terrain. The only extraction option was via helicopter hoist.

Ravalli county SAR coordinators called the AFRCC requesting Air Force support for the rescue. The AFRCC called the 40th HS via Malmstrom command post at approximately 11 p.m. Aug.

18. Due to the condition of the survivor and the high risk of a night extraction, a night hoist using night vision goggles was ruled out and we prepared for a launch at first light Aug. 19. A planning cell consisting of two pilots arrived at the 40th HS at 5 a.m. This cell completed all mission planning for the crew and the aircrew, Capt. Keith Friedman, Capt. Sean Masters, Staff Sgt. Doug Bradley and Lt. Col. Stephen Goff, arrived at the 40th at 5:45 a.m. and departed

Malmstrom at 7 a.m. The flight time was approximately two hours. Upon arrival the crew prepared for the difficult hoist insertion. Hovering at 6,000 feet the crew lowered Colonel Goff to the survivor. At this point, the crew was at a critical fuel level and had to depart for Missoula to get fuel while Colonel Goff prepared the survivor for extraction. After refueling, the air crew transported the survivor to St. Patrick's hospital in Missoula.

The skill and teamwork required to complete this type of mission is extraordinary. This skill results from difficult and challenging training conducted year round and teamwork between professionals in the local civilian SAR teams, the AFRCC, DOSS aviation, flight medicine and the Malmstrom weather flight. Every one of our 360 saves involved this dedicated team.

Train hard and make yourself a valuable part of your team. 🐾

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Malmstrom defenders rise to occasion

By Capt. Rodney Clark
741st Missile Security Forces Squadron
operations officer

In an effort to curb the growing number of driving while under the influence incidents by Malmstrom Airmen, the 341st Security Forces Group is undertaking several initiatives.

Over the course of the next several months, Airmen will see members of the 341st SFG performing outbound safety checks at both base gates. These safety checks will be conducted on Friday and Saturday evenings during "high risk" hours. Additionally, all security forces personnel will meet personally with Col. Steve Asher, 341st Security Forces Group commander, and make an individual commitment to Malmstrom's top cop that they understand the benefits of the 0-0-1-3 program (zero minors in possession, zero DUIs, one drink per hour and three drinks for the night) and will be given the chance to make a personal commitment to him.

"I want to look every Airmen in my group in the eye and let him or her know what I expect of them when it comes to responsible drinking," said Colonel Asher. "It's important I take the time to talk to each one of them face-to-face."

From innovative leadership – innovative ideas are born. This is the mindset the security forces group takes when approaching the same set of old challenges in a new light. The intention is to develop new ideas and concepts for our Airmen that promote constructive off-duty conduct and to highlight and diffuse the destructive effects alcohol abuse can have on our people.

"When an Airman is involved in an alcohol related incident it affects their PRP (personnel reliability program)," said Lt. Col. Frank Schaddelee, 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron commander. "That in turn means others have to work a little bit harder to cover for them. Not to mention the negative attention it draws to the unit."

Concepts such as volunteer alcohol-free dorms and incentive programs for extended MIP/DUI-free periods will be addressed to wing leadership as part

of a solution to reduce the number of alcohol-related incidents in the 341st Space Wing.

A mid-level supervisor mentoring program is being developed to orchestrate change as well. Developing the junior NCO corps is vital to effective leadership and should eventually facilitate an improved cultural change.

"Sometimes young Airmen respond best to someone closer to them than a commander or first sergeant," Colonel Schaddelee said. While command plays an important role, it is the first-line supervisor that has the most influence in their troops' daily lives.

Because the 341st SFG is the largest security forces unit in the Air Force, they face unique challenges, compounded by a critical shortage of mid level supervisors. Some senior airmen supervise six or seven subordinates, doing the best they can with limited training and little experience. An aggressive mentoring program – including shadowing opportunities with senior security forces leadership – is being implemented to offer Airmen a big picture perspective of the issues affecting the wing, group and squadron.

"Our young defenders have accomplished some extraordinary tasks over the past year," said Colonel Schaddelee. "Unfortunately, the poor decisions of a few have put a negative light upon the group as a whole."

Safety checks at Malmstrom's gates will continue through the New Year. ♡

Top: Members of the 341st Security Forces Group perform safety checks Oct. 28.

Right: Colonel Steve Asher, 341st SFG commander, hands out pledge cards to security forces members Monday.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Fifrick



Photo by Staff Sgt. Shad Eidson

'Substitute check' law affects Airmen's wallets

By Capt. Shelly Stokes
Malmstrom Legal Office

Servicemembers may have noticed they no longer receive their original paper checks back from their bank. This is because the Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (Check 21), which went into effect late last year, basically takes away a servicemember's ability to get back their original paper checks.

Under this new law, the bank is no longer required to keep the original checks on file. Instead, banks will start processing checks by using an electronic copy. This special kind of copy is called a "substitute check," which under the new law serves as

the legal equivalent of the original paper check.

Under this new system, banks and businesses will be able to process the checks that servicemembers write faster. However, the processing time for the checks that are deposited will remain the same. This means that servicemembers now run a greater risk that their check will bounce if their account does not have sufficient funds when the check is written. To protect oneself, don't write a check unless there are sufficient funds already in the account.

Servicemembers may benefit under this law with the right to ask for a "recredit." Whenever a check is paid twice, a check is

paid for the wrong amount, or something else goes wrong with the checking account, the servicemember has the right to ask, in writing, for a recredit of the amount in dispute. This law gives the member a 10 day period to ask for a recredit of up to \$2,500. However, a person only has a right to recredit if they have the substitute check. For protection, the servicemember should ask the bank to provide substitute checks along with their monthly bank statements. If the bank charges an extraordinary fee for this service, change to a different bank.

Servicemembers should also be aware they could be harmed in a number of other ways by the use of substitute checks.

One potential issue is both the paper

check and the electronic image might be treated as separate transactions, thus, a double payment. Transferring the check between paper and electronic formats could also cause errors on the amount on the substitute check. Additionally, it will be hard to prove that a check has been forged or altered without the original paper check. To protect oneself, order checks that allow the servicemember to keep a paper copy of the check and also ask for the substitute checks from the bank.

Banks and businesses, including the the base exchange, are using this new system. Understand the potential risks under this new law. For more information, call the Malmstrom Legal Office at 731-2878. ♡



ADC Tip of the Week

The Area Defense Counsel exists to help Airmen. It provides support on a variety of topics ranging from Article 15 actions to Letters of Reprimand and Reports of Survey. The ADC does not report to the 341st Space Wing, 20th Air Force or Air Force Space Command. For more information, call Capt. Rich Williams or Tech. Sgt. Miguel Cruz at 731-4723.

8th Air Force commander visits 819th RED HORSE

By Staff Sgt. Shad Eidson
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

Lieutenant General Kevin Chilton, 8th Air Force commander, visited the 819th RED HORSE Squadron Oct. 26 as part of his plan to visit 8th Air Force units since he assumed command in August.

"General Chilton made it a point to show his support by visiting all 8th Air Force units by December and he considers the 819th as important as his other wings," said Col. Robert Staib, 819th RHS commander. "He made it a priority to visit us before we deployed."

The purpose of the general's visit was to meet the troops and witness the squadron's mission capabilities first hand. In his visit to Malmstrom, General Chilton and Chief Master Sgt. Michael Sullivan, 8th Air Force command chief master sergeant, met the squadron members and local civilian leaders. Their first encounter with the 819th RHS began with squadron physical training at the fitness center.

"He stayed right with our fittest troops and was so impressed by our program the general instructed his aide to modify his workout regimen," Colonel Staib said.

General Chilton next met with RED HORSE officers at breakfast to learn about the mission and discuss the squadron's future deployment expectations. Finally, General Chilton was able to see the RED HORSE in action at their airfield damage repair training pad, which included an airborne demonstration via air-insertion from a Montana Army National Guard CH-47 Chinook helicopter.

"Every RED HORSE enlisted Airman and officer demonstrated our full capabilities to the general," said Capt. Jonathon Byrnes, chief of design, engineering flight. "By the end of his visit, the general and command chief were very happy with what they had seen."

While during his visit the general described being a shuttle commander as a great assignment during his time at NASA, he highlighted the fact he prefers assignments in the Air Force because of the way the Air Force takes care of its people.

"He ended his visit asking what were our biggest challenges and how he might help us overcome them," said Colonel Staib. "He definitely conveyed his beliefs that the Air Force is the best organization he has ever worked for and that loyalty goes up and down the chain."

The 819th RHS is the only RED HORSE squadron in



Lieutenant General Kevin Chilton works on a loader with Senior Airman Brant Ravenscroft, 819th RHS.

8th Air Force. The squadron's upcoming deployment will be the first time the airborne flight capabilities will deploy with the 819th RHS. 🦅

ESC looking for new members

By Valerie Mullett
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

The Enlisted Spouses' Club is back.

Malmstrom's ESC is back in business and looking for new members. The group's purpose is to bring together individuals interested in activities designed to promote good community relations, engage in and support worthwhile charitable projects, and provide recreation and entertainment for its members.

"This is our second duty station," said ESC President Diane Richards. "I wasn't involved in any groups at the first base. Being a part of ESC has really made a positive difference for me."

While the group is small with 20 current members, there is plenty of room to grow and new members are always welcomed. Spouses of enlisted personnel living or working at Malmstrom, spouses of civilian employees in the grade GS-7 or below, enlisted members of the Malmstrom community, spouses of retired enlisted military members and adult family members living in-residence with a sponsor are eligible to join. There is an annual membership fee of \$20.

The group meets once a month for a social event. The next meeting is scheduled

for Nov. 17 and features a pot luck dinner and belly dancing class. The location has not been determined. Dec. 1, the group will have a Christmas social and ornament exchange.

"We are a small group and we try to do what we can to help out," Mrs. Richards said. "If someone asks us to do something, we try to accommodate them."

For instance, the group purchased and presented the trophies to the winners at motorcycle safety day. They also donated supplies and baked good for the Minuteman Café, contributed to the bundles for babies and new parents layette program, cooked food for the Airmen's Cinco de Mayo celebration. They are generous, as well. The group provided a \$1,000 scholarship to a family member and a \$500 education scholarship to a spouse in May, they also donated money to the Great Falls Rescue Mission to help provide the upcoming Thanksgiving meal and they contributed \$250 to the Combined Federal Campaign.

"It is important for us to have this outlet to share our experiences and uplift each other, especially with all the deployments going on right now," Mrs. Richards said.

To find out more about the club, visit their Web site at www.geocities.com/malmstromesc or call Mrs. Richards at 268-1140. ♀



Photo by Roger Dey

Lt. Col. Edwin Bayba, left, 341st Communications Squadron commander, waits to ask a question at the Town Hall meeting Oct. 26.

Town Hall meeting airs community issues

By 2nd Lt. Justin Brockhoff
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

Malmstrom's leadership held its first "Town Hall" meeting Oct. 26 with the purpose of informing the base community of up-and-coming issues affecting the general base population.

Colonel Everett Thomas, 341st Space Wing commander, led the forum, discussing issues ranging from the development of new housing and a new fitness center, to the Spouse Orientation Program and Deployment Action Committee. Following the informational portion of the meeting, there were opportunities to ask Colonel Thomas about the present state of Malmstrom and the vision for its future.

"The most effective way for leadership to communicate is to take the message to the citizens," Colonel Thomas said. "A Town Hall meeting was the

perfect venue for me to provide information of interest regarding the mission, the base infrastructure and future events. The meeting also allowed me to take critical questions and provide candid answers. I was very pleased with the wonderful turn out of young families and the questions they had for me."

More than 100 Malmstrom community members attended the meeting, which lasted just over an hour.

"The Town Hall was a great opportunity for families and active-duty members to learn exactly what is going on around base," said Master Sgt. Lisle Holland, 341st Mission Support Group first sergeant. "A lot of key issues were addressed such as housing renovations, upcoming visitors to the base and winter weather preparations, to name a few."

The next Town Hall meeting is being scheduled for early in 2006. ♀

Quarterly awards



Photo by Christy Kynett

The 341st Space Wing announced its base quarterly awards winners at a breakfast Oct. 28 at Club Malmstrom. Pictured from left are: Senior Airman Kenneth Dunham, 341st Communications Squadron, John Osment, 341st Medical Support Squadron, Capt. Jason Yeates, 341st Maintenance Operations Squadron, Master Sgt. Norman Vercolen, 341st MOS, Ronnie King, 341st Comptroller Squadron, Nancy Woerdehoff, 341st Logistics Readiness Squadron, and 2nd Lt. Emma Poon, 10th Missile Squadron. (Not pictured: Brian Furr, 341st LRS)

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MSFS

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40th Helicopter Squadron records two saves

Air crew rescues stranded hunters in Little Belt Mountains

Story and photos by
2nd Lt. Justin Brockhoff
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

A crew from the 40th Helicopter Squadron recorded two saves Saturday when they rescued two hunters stranded in the Little Belt Mountains.

These two saves bring the unit's total to 360 and are their first saves since being redesignated from a flight to a squadron in early October.

According to Lt. Col. Richard Wickum, 40th HS commander, the squadron received the request to place a helicopter on stand-by late Oct. 28 following reports that two teens had been separated from their hunting party in the Little Belt Mountains. Early Saturday, the squadron received the call requesting aerial support.

“As soon as we dropped them off they ran up and hugged the one boy's father. It was pretty emotional for them, especially after being separated for almost a full day.”

Capt. Matthew Johnson
40th Helicopter Squadron

The on-call crew arrived to work at 8 a.m. for a mission briefing and then departed for the Little Belt Mountains where the teens were last seen. The air crew consisted of Capt. Matthew Johnson, aircraft commander; Capt. Marc Milligan, co-pilot; Senior Airman Joshua Baker, flight engineer; Lt. Col. Steve Goff, flight surgeon; and Staff Sgt. Marcian Bullard, flight medic.

The crew lifted off at 9:35 a.m. from Malmstrom and proceeded to the Little Belts. According to the crew, it was a routine flight into the

area.

“What made this mission unique was the landing zone,” said Captain Milligan. “Ground crews were unable to make it down into the valley where the missing boys were located so they called us in. We had to land in the middle of groups of trees that were about 75 feet tall and we landed with a pretty significant pitch as well.”

“We almost had to use the hoist,” Airman Baker said. “The helicopter was banked pretty hard on the landing. Anytime a landing would incur more than 10 degrees of bank, we consider the hoist as an option. During this landing, we were right at that mark.”

Once the crew safely made the landing, they brought the boys on the aircraft, made a clean liftoff and dropped the teens off at the search and rescue station in the Little Belt Mountains.

“As soon as we dropped them off they ran up and hugged the one boy's father,” Captain Johnson said. “It was pretty emotional for them, especially after being separated for almost a full day.”



Lieutenant Colonel Steve Goff, left, flight surgeon, and Staff Sgt. Marcian Bullard, right, flight medic, unload a stokes litter from the aircraft after returning to Malmstrom.



Air crew members unload equipment from their UH-1N Huey after returning from their two saves in the Little Belt Mountains Saturday.

Following the drop off, the crew members returned to Malmstrom and gave the mission complete call at 11:03 a.m. — a total mission time of one hour and twenty-eight minutes. The crew unloaded the helicopter and went in to debrief the mission.

“This was a good mission,” said Captain Johnson after the debrief. “The guys on the

crew did exactly what they were supposed to, and things went smoothly. We were just glad to help.”

There are seven Bell UH-1N Hueys assigned to the 40th HS. Each aircraft can carry up to 13 people, has a range of approximately 300 miles, and can travel at a maximum airspeed of 130 knots, or roughly 145 miles per hour. ♀



Staff Sergeant Marcian Bullard, flight medic, checks his gear prior to departing for the Little Belt Mountains Saturday.

MMIA to meet in November

Missile Maintainers in Action will hold its second meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday in the conference room of building 1439. Childcare and refreshments will be provided. All missile maintenance group personnel and spouses are invited to attend the meeting to discuss this year's children's Christmas party. For more information, call Cherry Quevy at 731-3844.

Free dinner at Golden Corral

The annual free dinner buffet offered to U.S. veterans, active duty, Guard and Reserve military personnel is from 5 to 9 p.m. Nov. 21 at the Golden Corral restaurant located at 1624 Market Place Drive. For more information, call 453-3500.

Chief Hampton farewell dinner

Chief Master Sgt. Harvey Hampton, the wing's former command chief master sergeant, will have a retirement dinner at 6 p.m. Nov. 21 at the 3-Bay Hangar. Cost is \$12 for officers and NCOs, and \$8 for Airmen. Dress is Montana casual and those wishing to attend must prepay by Nov. 14. To attend, contact your first sergeant.

Transition assistance class scheduled

The next transition assistance program is Nov. 14 to 17 at the education center. Hours are 1 to 4:30 p.m. Nov. 14 and 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. the remaining days.

This program is sponsored by the Departments of Labor, Veterans Affairs and Defense. Topics to be covered include transition services, career assessment, job search information, writing resumes and cover letters, survivor benefits plan, interviewing skills, financial planning, VA benefits, TRICARE and more.

To reserve a spot, call 731-4900.

Open house to recruit paralegals

The legal office is holding an open house Nov. 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to recruit Airmen in the ranks of E1 to E4 and E8 for paralegal duties.

Lunch will be provided and there will be paralegals and attorneys available to talk with those interested in a paralegal career field.

To find out more, call Master Sgt. Brenda Knorr at 731-3847 or e-mail her at brenda.knorr@malmstrom.af.mil. A reservation is required for lunch.

Hazardous waste to be collected

America Recycles Day is Nov. 15. The 341st Civil Engineer Squadron will have personnel at the base

exchange from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. handing out information that showcases recycling and composting opportunities at Malmstrom and in Great Falls. Promotional items will also be distributed.

In addition, household hazardous materials to be recycled will also be collected outside the BX. Bring your used batteries, waste oil, paints or any other hazardous waste that needs to be disposed of.

For more information, call Frank Carpenter at 731-6448.

Limited services offered at legal office

The legal office will be closed for legal assistance Nov. 21 and 22 due to staff assistance visits. Additionally, notary and power of attorney assistance will not be available on these days. For emergencies, call the command post at 731-3801.

Montana Autism Walk seeks volunteers

Montana Autism Walk is looking for volunteers to help organize the event. The walk is scheduled for June 2006. Planning meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month at Quality Life Concepts located at 215 Smelter Avenue N.E. For more information, call Deena or Jay Kopp at 454-0075.

Review latest guidance on NSPS

Implementation of the new National Security Personnel System for general schedule appropriated fund civilian employees is slated for late spring 2006. The final regulations for the new system are published in the Federal Register.

It is recommended that civilian employees review the NSPS Web site at www.cpm.osd.mil/nsps for ongoing information on this important new personnel system. Extensive training will be offered as soon as additional guidance is received for the Department of Defense and Air Force. Questions should be directed to Judy Newman at 731-4644.

VA reps to perform records review

A Veterans Administration representative will be at the Airman and Family Readiness Flight Thursday to perform medical records reviews for members getting ready to retire. Those seeking a review must:

- have a firm discharge date
- be within 60 and 180 days of discharge date
- have copies of service medical records to give to VA
- have at least 45 days remaining in service and be available for an exam
- not be separating because of MEB/PEXB

Appointments are on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call the Airman and Family Readiness center at 731-4900.

In addition, a VA representative will be available Nov. 17 from 1 to 4 p.m. to answer general questions regarding medical claims, separation, pending separation, retirement, etc. No appointment is necessary for this walk-in service.

New TRAVCO phone number

The new phone number for TRAVCO will be 1-888-841-3551. Call this number to make any reservations relating to your TDY including plane tickets, car rentals, hotels, etc.

Call 731-6275 with questions.

Assistance requests will be taken

The Salvation Army will begin signing up individuals who need assistance for either Thanksgiving or Christmas. Sign ups will take place at the Corps Community Center, 1000 17th Avenue S. Monday to Nov. 11 and Nov. 28 to Dec. 2 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m.

Individuals need to bring the following when coming in to sign up for assistance:

- Adults: photo ID and social security card if number isn't on the ID
 - Children: medical card or birth certificate and social security card
 - Proof of income for entire household
 - Proof of address (rent receipt and utility bill)
 - Be prepared to provide clothing sizes for children
 - Kids 12 and under: bring a toy wish list
- For more information, call 453-0391.

Defense Travel System

The Defense Travel System, scheduled for implementation in November, will automate the Department of Defense travel process.

DTS travelers will be able to generate travel authorizations, make trip reservations and route travel requests for approval from their desktop. The traveler will also be able to reserve airfare, lodging and rental cars. For more information about the system, go to <https://www.defensetravel.osd.mil>.

Combat Arms ranges are off limits

The Combat Arms ranges, located on the southeast corner of Malmstrom, are off-limits to all personnel except those conducting official business or attending training. Trespassing on the range complex or the surface danger zone behind the range can be life threatening. For more information, call 731-6422 or 731-6423.

Commander's Access Channel Schedule

Taking control of Depression
Run time: 25 minutes

3 a.m.	9 a.m.	5 p.m.
5 a.m.	11 a.m.	7 p.m.
7 a.m.	1 p.m.	9 p.m.

620 AES Katrina Relief coverage
Run time: 6 minutes

4 a.m.	Noon	8 p.m.
6 a.m.	2 p.m.	
8 a.m.	4 p.m.	
10 a.m.	6 p.m.	

Drinking and Driving: Is It Worth Even One Life?

11 p.m. Midnight 2 a.m.

Malmstrom community announcements air between scheduled programs.



Goal: \$92,500

To date, Team Malmstrom has donated \$90,529 to the Combined Federal Campaign. Currently, Malmstrom is at 98 percent of its goal. The campaign ends today.

NOTICE

Malmstrom AFB Draft Environmental Assessment
Malmstrom AFB proposed to construct 797 new homes. A draft environmental assessment for this action is located for review at the City of Great Falls public library. Copies of the document can be obtained by calling 731-7227. Malmstrom is soliciting comments until Saturday. Comments will be incorporated into the final environmental assessment. Any comment should be addressed to:
341 CES/CEVC
39 78th Street North
Malmstrom AFB, MT 59402
or e-mail comments to:
tony.lucas@malmstrom.af.mil

Airmen Against Drunk Driving Spotlight!

The Company Grade Officers had 49 saves last week. There have been 1,941 saves in 2005.

The base's AADD program is available from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. every day by calling

788-HOME (4663)

AADD is always looking for volunteers. The program only works with volunteer support. Call Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Ryan at 731-7256 or Tech. Sgt. Norm Martell at 731-7755 for details.

The Missileer

Our Nation's silent warriors

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Andeelynn Fifrick
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

Behind every intercontinental ballistic missile is a missileer.

In a job that demands perfection as the standard, the Air Force's missileers continually answer their call to duty.

General T. Michael Moseley, chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, referred to the ICBM as "the strategic 'backstop' for our Nation." With 500 Minuteman III missiles in the Air Force's inventory, 200 of which are right here in Malmstrom's missile complex, it takes dedicated, intelligent, proficient missileers to keep them up on alert.

"Missileers are highly-trained, highly-skilled warfighters," said Colonel Scott Gilson, 341st Operations Group commander. "They are on the front line just as much as a Soldier or Marine. Our missileers are the reason we can all rest peacefully each night."

While a missileer's job, which takes them more than 50 feet below the surface of the Earth, is not visible or glamorous, one must never underestimate a missileer's key role in national security.

"Our job is essential to the Nation maintaining its nuclear deterrent capability," said 1st Lt. Steve Lyon, 490th Missile Squadron. "We provide top cover so the rest of the Air Force's Airmen can go out there and do their job. There's a lot of pride that comes with knowing we're in the most powerful wing in the Air Force."

The average missileer performs eight, 24-hour alerts each month.

"Each alert spans almost two days including pre-alert activities and

briefings, traveling to and from the launch control centers and post-alert activities," said Lt. Col. Ferdinand Stoss, 341st Operations Group deputy commander. In addition, each missileer has three days of training each month.

For missileers, it's all about training and proficiency.

Missileers undergo months of technical training at Vandenberg AFB, Calif., before going to a wing where they are then tested through another rigorous month of local training on issues specific to their weapon system. Once missileers demonstrate their knowledge and respect for their duty, they are certified to pull alert. From that point, the rest of their career is punctuated with classroom training covering emergency war orders, weapons system and coding procedures as well as rides in the missile procedures trainer where they have the chance to demonstrate their hands-on capability in operating the Minuteman III weapon system.

"Missileers have to score an A to pass their training," said Colonel Carlos Rice, 490th Missile Squadron commander. "You have to think about it this way: Would you want someone that scores a B or a C on a test to be in charge of nuclear weapons?"

As if the rigors of their day-to-day job and training were not enough, missileers also have to be creative and able to multi-task on a regular basis.

"Missileers are jacks-of-all-trades," Colonel

1st Lt. Steve Lyon,
490th Missile Squadron

Rice said. "They need to know emergency war orders, coding procedures and the weapon system, but they also need to know security requirements and communications. Not only do they need to know their job, but they need to know everyone else's job so they are able to perform their duty."

"We're in this together – all of us," Lieutenant Lyon said.

Missileers are their own close-knit community. Working long, difficult hours, their camaraderie and call to duty continue to remain the foundation of our Nation's deterrent capability.

"ICBM operations continue to be the stronghold of national deterrence, allowing our conventional forces to deploy and fight our Nation's wars around the globe," said Colonel Gilson. "Our missileers are the cornerstone that allows us that capability."

As the people of the Nation sleep soundly at night, missileers continue on in their silent duty providing peace through strength.

Editor's note: This story is Part I in a series of AFSC specific features.



Missileers from the 10th Missile Squadron sit in on a pre-departure briefing.



Colonel Everett Thomas, 341st Space Wing commander, left, jots down some notes as Chief Master Sgt. Robert Moore, 341st Space Wing command chief master sergeant, listens to a briefing at the strategic planning session in Choteau, Mont., Oct. 25 and 26.



Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Kain, 341st Space Wing chief of plans and programs, watches as Lt. Col. Julie Stola, 341st Medical Operations Squadron commander, puts her thoughts on paper.

Leaders gather to plan wing's future

Story and photos by Capt. Elizabeth Benn
341st Space Wing Public Affairs Office

Beyond cell phone coverage, at a hotel without internet connectivity, the 341st Space Wing leadership met in Choteau, Mont., Oct. 25 and 26 to revise the wing's strategic plan.

Led by Col. Everett Thomas, 341st Space Wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Robert Moore, 341st Space Wing command chief master sergeant, the group commanders and senior noncommissioned officers discussed the future of the wing.

"We wanted the opportunity to go to an off-base location so we could minimize the day-to-day interruptions," said Lt. Col. Jerry Kain, 341st Space Wing chief of plans and programs. "If we tried to do this on-base, we could be constantly distracted by phone calls, paperwork needing to be signed and e-mails. This off-site actually allowed us to clear our minds and focus on the task at hand."

The task was to develop a new strategic vision and goals for the wing. A strategic vision is a brief phrase that captures an organization's intent. Goals are specific things done in support of the vision.

The strategic vision and goals are just two parts of a much larger strategic plan. An organization's strategic plan helps focus everyday decisions toward overall mission accomplishment. A plan helps orient an organization's goals as they relate to higher echelons, such as 20th Air Force or Air Force Space Command. A strategic plan also enables an organization to plan its use of resources and measure its success.

The 341st Space Wing's last strategic plan was developed in 2000, so it was time for an update. Colonel Kain and the plans and programs office set up the event. A new 341st Space Wing strategic plan is being developed based on the vision and goals set at the off-site. Once finalized,

the plan will guide the wing for the next five years.

"I hope to bring a little bit of our personalities here into this plan," said Col. Kris Beasley, 341st Mission Support Group commander. "If we're not looking ahead, our successors will do what our predecessors did. It's easy to get caught up in each day's crisis, so this is a great opportunity to think about the big picture."

While much discussion was spent on the assigned tasks, leaders also agreed that the resulting plan should be easy to understand and should apply to every Airman in the wing. Senior noncommissioned officers were included in the meeting to ensure this happened.

"Every Airman should buy in to the plan and have an understanding of what we do," said Senior Master Sgt. Timothy Ryan, 741st Missile Security Forces Squadron operations manager.

"Our vision should communicate an awareness of the missile complex to each Airman and relate each Airman's job to the larger mission," said Senior Master Sgt. Adriene Benton, 341st Operations Group first sergeant.

The two-day agenda, facilitated by Colonel Kain and 1st Lt. Brock Hennigh, 12th Missile Squadron, included a briefing about strategic planning and time to discuss the vision and goals.

There was also time for informal discussions with Choteau Mayor Dan Clark during lunch Oct. 26.

"We chose Choteau for this off-site because we wanted to meet some of our friends and community partners inside the missile complex," said Col. Thomas. "As a result of our lunch with the mayor, we are going to pursue more

activities with the Choteau community, including off-base exercises and tours of our facilities in the area."

When asked about the meeting's outcome, Colonel Kain said it was a success. "Not only did we collectively develop a new strategic vision and supporting goals, but we gained a better understanding that this is a living effort that will require constant updating and attention. We also achieved our second goal of fostering a better working relationship with the community of Choteau."

The complete plan is still in production as group commanders and senior noncommissioned officers continue to work the details. Portions of the new plan will be presented to Brig. Gen. Thomas Deppe, 20th Air Force commander, during his visit to Malmstrom starting Monday. The plan is expected to be finalized in December. ♀



Chief Master Sergeant Robert Moore, left, and Colonel Steve Asher, 341st Security Forces Group commander, right, listen as Choteau Mayor Dan Clark expresses his concerns at the 341st Space Wing strategic planning meeting Oct. 26.

Malmstrom Chapel

Worship Services

CATHOLIC

PROTESTANT

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m.

Traditional 11:15 a.m.

Daily Mass

Tuesday:

(Tues. to Fri.): 11:30 a.m.

Music practice 5:15 p.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesday:

Saturday: 4 to 4:45 p.m.

AWANA 6:15 p.m.

Ecumenical Fellowship

Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School

Protestant: 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.

CCD: 11 a.m. to noon

Senior high/youth: noon to 1 p.m.

Questions should be directed to the chapel staff at 731-3721.

Aces High Bowling Center - 731-2695

Extreme Bowling
Tonight, Nov. 4
Saturday, Nov. 5
 Starts at 9 p.m.

Two Ways to Win a Turkey (through Nov. 19)**Critter Shoot**

Get a strike in 3rd, 6th and 9th frame - win a turkey! **Cost:** \$2 per person

Walk-Across Bowl

Knock down 8 or more pins on each lane across 10 lanes - win a turkey! **Cost:** \$2 per person - one try.

**Outdoor Recreation - 731-4202**

Please sign up at least 3 days prior to activity.

Fly Tying 101

Tuesdays, starting Nov. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. This class will be held for three consecutive weeks with the first class Nov. 8.

This is a novice fly-tying class.

Patterns to be tied include:

Missouri River special, elk hair caddis, wooly worms and perch streamers. **Cost:** \$20 per person.

Hunting Waterfowl 101

Thursday, Nov. 17 from 6 to 8 p.m.

This class will provide extensive information to help you bag your limit.

Extensive equipment displays will be provided. Ages 10 and up only; those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. **Cost:** \$5 per person.

**Youth Programs Center - 731-4634****School-Age Program Before and After School Care**

The School Age Program is open to youth ages 5 to 12. The program includes before- and after-school care, and holiday fun. Visit the youth programs center for information.

Martial Arts

A Chinese Kempo karate class is offered for people ages 4 to adult. Classes are held Mondays and

Wednesdays at the youth program center. Call 731-4634 for more information.

**Operation Warm Heart Skate**

Tonight, Nov. 4 from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Skate sessions are open to all personnel and their family members. An adult must accompany youth under 6 years at all times. Rental skates and roller blades are available or you may bring your own.

Teen Late Night Gym and Jam

Tonight, Nov. 4 from 8 to 11 p.m.

Open to youth ages 12 to 17. There's billiards, table games, video games, computer games, basketball, dodge ball and special events. Each child is authorized to bring one civilian guest.

**Grizzly Bend Club - 731-3359****Grizzly Den Lounge**

Pub menu available.

Tonight, Nov. 4

Thursday, Nov. 10

from 5 to 8 p.m.

Great casual menu items to choose from, including tasty hors d'oeuvres.

Football Frenzy

Monday, Nov. 7

Light snacks and beverage specials. Doors open at 6 p.m.

NY Jets at Atlanta

**Arts and Crafts Center - 731-3641****Intermediate Woodworking**

Tuesday, Nov. 8

from 6 to 9 p.m.

This is a four-evening class on Nov. 8, 10, 15 and 17.

Cost: \$25 per person or \$40 per couple, plus materials.

Basic Ceramics

Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

This is a four-evening class on Nov. 8, 10, 15 and 17. **Cost:** \$20 plus materials.

Basic Framing

Tuesday, Nov. 9

from 6 to 9 p.m.

Cost: \$25 plus materials.

Beginning Knitting

Wednesday, Nov. 9

from 10 a.m. to noon

Learn the basics of knitting a scarf. **Cost:** \$25 per student for instruction and materials.



Sign up at least one day prior to class.

Children's Ceramics

Saturdays, Nov. 5 and 19

from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Specially designed for children and guaranteed fun. All materials are provided. **Cost:** \$10 per child.

10th Annual Holiday Card Competition

Need some extra cash for your squadron booster club? Enter the 341st Services Squadron Holiday Card Competition! Winners will receive \$150 first place, \$100 second place and \$75 third place.

For more information, go to 341Services.com or call 731-3641 for details.

**Engine Rebuilding Class**

Tuesday, Nov. 8 from 5 to 9 p.m.

This six-session class will take you from start to finish on rebuilding engines. **Cost:** \$60 per person - instruction/materials.



Bring this coupon into the Arts and Crafts Center

GET 75% off
 rubber stamps and supplies

Expires: Nov. 30, 2005



4-Wheel Tire Balance Special
Only \$20

Expires: Nov. 30, 2005

NOW SHOWING! Movie Schedule

All movies are free. Check www.341Services.com for the current movie schedule or call the auditorium hotline at 731-3236 for changes. **Today**

Star Wars III: Revenge of the Sith

(PG-13), 7 p.m. — After a fierce battle in which Obi-Wan and Anakin join Republic forces to help free Chancellor Palpatine from evil Count Dooku and his minions, Anakin is drawn into Palpatine's confidence. Palpatine has designs on expanding his rule and he plants seeds of doubt in Anakin's mind about the strength and wisdom of the Jedis. Anakin turns more and more to the Force for help and begins to succumb to the temptations of its dark side. (Cast: Hayden Christensen, Natalie Portman and Ewan McGregor)

Saturday

Cinderella - Special Edition (G), 3:30 p.m. — Cinderella, treated as a slave by her selfish stepfamily, dreams of going to the Prince's ball. She gets her wish courtesy of the Fairy Godmother but must be home by midnight.

Mind Hunters (R), 7 p.m. — Harris, an FBI official teaching a group of trainees the art of profiling a serial killer, takes them on a weekend retreat to a deserted island for some supplemental simulation exercises in which they can catch a fake killer. When some FBI trainees get killed for real, the rest figure the murderer must be one of them. Class leader Sara must try to stay alive long enough to figure out if one of her colleagues is the murderer. (Cast: Val Kilmer, LL Cool J and Patricia Velasquez)

HOURS OF OPERATION**ACES HIGH BOWLING CENTER**

Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Friday 11 a.m. to midnight
 Saturday 9 a.m. to midnight
 Sunday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Holidays Closed

ARDEN G. HILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday to Thursday 10 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.
 Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:45 p.m.
 Sunday and Holidays Closed

AUTO SKILLS SHOP

Tuesday to Friday 1 to 9 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Monday and Holidays Closed

GRIZZLY BEND CLUB

Lunch:
 Tuesday to Friday (Closed Mon.) 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Dining:
 Friday 6 to 9 p.m.
Grizzly Den Lounge: Thursday 4 to 8 p.m.
 Friday 4 to 10 p.m.

Sports Bar: Wednesday 3:30 to 8 p.m.
 Friday 4 to 8 p.m.

FITNESS & SPORTS CENTER

Monday to Friday 4 a.m. to 10 p.m.
 Weekends and Holidays 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Holidays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday Closed

ARTS & CRAFTS CENTER

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Tuesday and Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sunday and Holidays Closed

WOOD SHOP

Wednesday and Friday noon to 5 p.m.
 Tuesday and Thursday noon to 9 p.m.
 Saturday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Sunday, Monday and Holidays Closed

YOUTH PROGRAMS CENTER

Monday to Friday 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.
 Friday (ages 12 to 17) 8 to 11 p.m.
 Saturday noon to 5 p.m.
 Sunday and Holidays Closed

Sports Shorts

Investigations Office asking for help

The Security Forces Investigations Office is asking for information about numerous thefts at the sports and fitness center.

Over the past three months, a thief or thieves, have been stealing cash and other valuables from unsecured lockers while personnel are using the facility.

In order to prevent further theft, patrons are asked to secure their valuables when using the facility and to notify a security forces dispatcher (731-3895) of any suspicious activity.

Anyone with information about the thefts that have taken place is asked to call security forces investigations at 731-4498 or a dispatcher. Personnel providing information will remain anonymous if desired.

Gear up for ski season

Now is the time to get your ski equipment in working order before the start of the season.

Outdoor Recreation offers full maintenance services including hot waxing, sharpening and complete tune-ups for skis and snow boards. Prices depend on the amount of work required. Outdoor Recreation also carries discounted one-day lift tickets to Showdown ski area. Adult prices, ages 13 to 69, are \$25 and junior tickets, ages 6 to 12 are \$17.

Instructors needed

Showdown Ski Area is looking for people interested in being ski instructors this season. For more information, call 727-5553 or 1-800-433-0022.

Family turkey shoot nearing

There will be a family turkey shoot Nov. 17 starting at 4 p.m. at the youth program center. Parents and youth teams, ages 6 and older, will shoot at targets with BB guns for combined scores. One turkey will be awarded for the highest team score in each of the age groups, 6 to 8, 9 to 11 and 12 and older. For more information, call 731-4634.



**Congratulations
 to
 341st MOS for
 winning the
 Flag Football
 Championship
 and to
 341st SVS for
 winning the
 Racquetball
 Championship.**

Twenty winter ice-fishing derbies approved by FWP

Submitted by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks recently approved 20 ice-fishing contests for this winter.

Participants in the contests may catch and keep the fish they enter, but must comply with state fishing regulations, including daily and possession limits. No holiday weekend contests are allowed and contests on the same body of water may not be held on consecutive weekends.

Here is a list of the approved contests. For details, please contact the contest sponsor.

Northwestern Montana, FWP Region 1

■ Sunrider Lions Club Ice Fishing Derby, Dec. 31 at Smith Lake

■ Lower Stillwater Perch Assault Tournament, Jan. 7 and 8, 2006, at Lower Stillwater Lake

■ Kickin' Horse Fishing Derby, Jan. 21 and 22, 2006, at Thompson Chain of Lakes

■ 3rd Annual Perch Pounder, Feb. 1 to 25, 2006, at all Region 1 waters

■ Salmon Slam, Feb. 25, 2006, at Thompson Chain of Lakes

■ Ryan Wagner Memorial Ice Fishing Derby, Feb. 26, 2006, at Murphy Lake

■ Snappy Sport Center 6th Annual Ice Fishing Derby, Feb. 18, 2006, at Lake Mary Ronan

■ McGregor Lake Resort Annual Fishing Derby, Feb. 11 and 12, 2006, McGregor Lake

■ Lower Stillwater Lake Ice Derby, March 5, 2006, at Lower Stillwater Lake

Southwestern Montana, FWP Region 2

■ She's Too Fat for Me, Jan. 21, 2006, at Georgetown Lake

■ Pike on Ice Tournament, March 18 and 19, 2006, at Seeley Lake, Salmon Lake, Lake Inez and Lake Alva

South Central Montana, FWP Region 3

■ Stan Shafer Memorial Ice Fishing Derby, Feb. 12, 2006, at Clark Canyon

Reservoir

North Central Montana, FWP Region 4

■ Central Montana Perch Derby, Jan. 15, 2006, at East Fork Reservoir

■ Broadwater Lions Club Perch Derby, Jan. 21 and 22, 2006, at Canyon Ferry Reservoir

■ Western Bar Ice Fishing Derby, Jan. 28, 2006, at Willow Creek Reservoir

■ Utica Rod and Gun Club and Oxen Yoke Fishing Derby, Jan. 29, 2006, at Ackley Lake

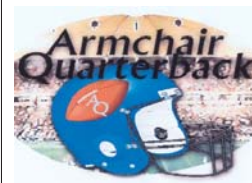
■ VFW Fish Derby, Feb. 2, 2006, at Newlan Creek

■ Valier Volunteer Fire Dept. 8th Annual Fishing Derby Feb. 18, 2006, at Lake Frances

Northeast Montana, FWP Region 6

■ Glasgow Area Chamber Ice Fishing Contest Feb. 11, 2006, at Fort Peck Reservoir

■ 3rd Annual Big Money Ice Fishing Derby Feb. 11 and 12, 2006, at Lower Beaver Creek Reservoir



Log on to 341services.com to make your picks

This week's
Armchair
Quarterback
is:
K.P. Marsilio
with 13 of 14
correct
picks.

Week 9 match-ups are:

Sunday, Nov. 6

Atlanta at Miami
Carolina at Tampa Bay
Cincinnati at Baltimore
Detroit at Minnesota
Houston at Jacksonville
Oakland at Kansas City
San Diego at NY Jets
Tennessee at Cleveland
Chicago at New Orleans
NY Giants at San Francisco
Seattle at Arizona
Pittsburgh at Green Bay
Philadelphia at Washington

Monday, Nov. 7: Indianapolis at New England

For more information on Fish, Wildlife and Parks activities, go to www.fwp.mt.gov.

Intramural Bowling Standings

(current as of Nov. 1)

Team standings:

1. 341st MXG
2. 341st SSPTS
3. 341st COMM/MXS
4. Retirees
5. 341st SVS
6. 341st CPTS
7. 490th MS
8. 741st MSFS
9. 341st CES
10. 341st MDG
11. 341st COMM/PLANS
12. 341st OG
13. WSA

Individual Achievements:

(week of Oct. 26)

High game scratch:

Doug Yates, 289

High series scratch:

Doug Yates, 662

High game handicap:

Doug Yates, 313

High series handicap:

Chris Pound, 765

Team Achievements:

(week of Oct. 26)

High game scratch:

Retirees, 913

High series scratch:

Retirees, 2347

High game handicap:

Retirees, 1023

High series handicap:

341st SSPTS



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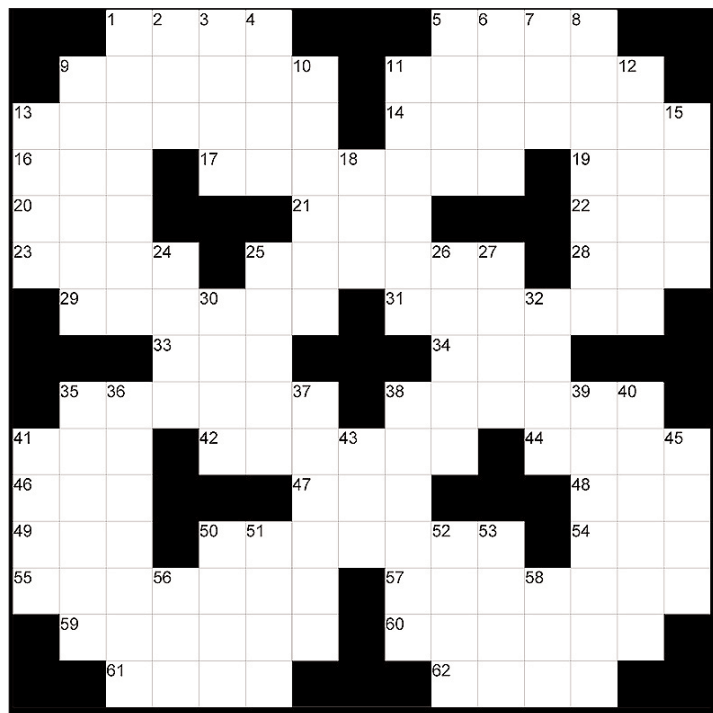
comes to Aces High

Nov. 12 at 7 p.m.

- Open to youth ages 5 to 18.
- Bowl three games.
- Enjoy pizza and soda.
- Win great prizes including gift cards, games of bowling, pizza and more.

Cost: \$7 per person

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Native American History Month

By Capt. Tony Wickman, Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

1. Wear out
5. Stork-like wading birds
9. Clock in at work
11. Soul
13. Unblemished meal
14. So soon
16. Iron or Industrial
17. Endeavored
19. War from 1914-1918, in short
20. Horse doc
21. Native American people formerly inhabiting U.S. Southwest
22. Quick rest
23. Messy one
25. Native American people formerly inhabiting U.S. Southeast
28. MDs workplaces
29. Native American people inhabiting U.S. Southwest and Mexico
31. Attacked

33. USAF intel org.
34. Hockey great Bobby
35. Custard filled pastry
38. Perspires
41. Burn residue
42. ___ time; single file
44. Cuts grass
46. Slalom
47. Scout's org.
48. Chop
49. Relative
50. Follower
54. Also
55. Suffocate
57. Sincere
59. Breccia
60. Shrubs or small trees of the genus Rhus; "poison" plant
61. Actress Hudson
62. Dollops

DOWN

1. Uppermost part of an elm
2. Ret. fund
3. ___ of passage
4. Days before
5. Atoll
6. American naval officer and explorer Richard
7. Frozen water
8. Native American people formerly inhabiting parts of Ohio Valley
9. *Murder She Wrote's* Landsbury
10. Guarantee
11. To whom monies are paid; employees
12. Pirate Teach; "Blackbeard"
13. RQ-4 Global Hawk and RQ-1 Predator
15. High-pitched barks
18. Dined
24. Ancient Semitic fertility, nature gods; Biblical false gods
25. Towing need
26. Native American people formerly inhabiting Great Plains

27. USAF aircrew training requirement
30. Goodbye, in a fashion
32. Measurement weight
35. Native peoples inhabiting North American Arctic coastal regions
36. Native American people formerly inhabiting U.S. Pacific Northwest
37. Drill again
38. Asserts
39. Native people once inhabiting Central, Southern Mexico
40. Nike symbol; make a rushing sound
41. Queries
43. Donkey
45. Observe
50. A single, double or triple in baseball (two words)
51. Tennis great Sampras
52. Celebrate
53. Writer Bombeck
56. Mil. pay during PCS
58. Capture a crook

SOLUTION for Oct. 28 puzzle



Photo of the week

The public affairs staff has the pleasure of traveling throughout 341st Space Wing units to tell the unit's story to the rest of the wing. In our endeavors, we often end up taking "funny photos" that just beg for an explanation - we thought we'd share those photos with you.

Here's how it works: Each week we'll run a new photo and leave it up to you to write the caption and tell our readers what's happening. There will also be a photo from the previous week that will identify the top three submitted cutlines. Winners will be selected based on creativity and originality and will be chosen by the *High Plains Warrior* editorial staff. Send submissions to: warrior@malstrom.af.mil no later than Monday.

Last week's photo...



1. "Wow, you're right. The new crew chief is really short."
- Russell Holmes, 341st Civil Engineer Squadron
2. "Can you tell which penny is the closest?"
- Joe Furr, Communication Services
3. "Oh no guys, I think we shrunk another missileer."
- Tech. Sgt. Jay Orr, 40th Helicopter Squadron

This week's photo...

